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SUBJECT: Applicant: William G.J. Schofield
 Serial No: 09/990,316
 Filed: November 21, 2001
 For: 2ⁿ-1 SHUFFLING NETWORK
 Examiner: Crawford, Jason
 Group: 2819
 Confirm. No.: 2545
 Docket No: AD-294J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2005 in the subject application.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned, or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

In Response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2, *infra*.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 3, *infra*.

Remarks begin on page 6, *infra*.